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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following remarks.

In response to the Outstanding Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group 1, drawn to claims 1-17 for prosecution.

In complete response to the outstanding Office Action, Applicants also elect the HJV species.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this Response, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully,

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